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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Jose – Man Arrested in Connection with Massive Home Depot Fire

(U) A man has been arrested and charged with igniting a massive blaze that destroyed a Home Depot earlier this month in South San Jose, as newly released records show that the store was recently cited by fire inspectors for failing to show proof its fire alarm and sprinkler systems were up to speed. Details on the person who was arrested, including his identity and motive for setting the store ablaze, were not immediately released.

SOURCE: 18 April 2022, [Mercury News](#)

(U) Stockton – 15-Year-Old Stabbed by Intruder at Stockton School Dies

(U) The 15-year-old student who was stabbed at a high school in Stockton has died, district officials said in a press conference yesterday. The Stockton Police Department said the stabbing happened in the morning. Shortly after the teen was attacked, a Stockton Unified School District officer detained the assailant, who was later identified as Anthony Gray, 52, of Stockton, who drove to the front parking lot of the school, parked his vehicle, and then walked inside the campus and stabbed the teen. Family of the victim identified her as Alicia Reynaga. during a vigil outside the school.

SOURCE: 18 April 2022, [KCRA 3 Sacramento](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Nearly \$1.1M Worth of Narcotics Seized Over the Weekend

(U) Edinburg – Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Border Patrol agents interdicted four narcotic smuggling attempts, including a cocaine seizure valued at almost \$1M. On 17 April a Mazda CX-9 was searched and revealed 12 bundles of cocaine. The cocaine weighed more than 29 pounds and is valued at almost \$1M. Also, on 17 April, agents arrested three subjects carrying bundles of marijuana, which weighed 113 pounds and is valued at over \$90,000. On 15 April, agents observed several subjects loading into a vehicle, and leaving the area at a high rate of speed. BRP agents encountered the vehicle abandoned after being involved in a minor vehicle accident. Agents apprehended two subjects in the nearby brush, confiscated a pistol and discovered two bundles of marijuana weighing 56 pounds and valued at approximately \$45,000.

SOURCE: 18 April 2022, [CBP Press Release](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Georgia – US CDC Lifts COVID-19 Do Not Travel Recommendations on 90 Countries

(U) Atlanta – The CDC said yesterday it had dropped its "Do Not Travel" COVID-19 recommendations for about 90 international destinations. The countries and other regions dropped to Level 3: High, which still discourages travel by unvaccinated Americans, include the United Kingdom, France, Israel, Turkey, Australia, Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Spain and Russia. Also being lowered are

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Switzerland, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Central African Republic, Chile, Czech Republic, Jordan, Lebanon, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Poland, Somalia, Uruguay and Vietnam. The US State Department said last week it was also sharply cutting back on "Do Not Travel" advisories for international destinations. SOURCE: 18 April 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) Illinois – Former Police Officer Avoids Federal Charges in Laquan McDonald's Death

(U) Chicago – Federal authorities said yesterday they will not criminally charge Jason Van Dyke, the Chicago police officer convicted of murder in the 2014 shooting death of Black teenager Laquan McDonald. The US Attorney's Office in Chicago said in a news release that the decision was made after consulting with the McDonald family and that the family was in agreement not to pursue a second prosecution. According to the release, prosecuting Van Dyke on federal charges would have been much more difficult than it was to prosecute him in state court because the burden of proof is far higher. SOURCE: 18 April 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Spain – Spyware Use on Separatists in Spain Extensive

(U) Madrid – The phones of dozens of pro-independence supporters in Spain's northeastern Catalonia, including the regional chief and other elected officials, were hacked with controversial spyware available only to governments, a cybersecurity rights group said yesterday. Citizen Lab, a research group affiliated with the University of Toronto, said a large-scale investigation it had conducted in collaboration with Catalan civil society groups found that at least 65 individuals were targeted, or their devices infected. Almost all of the incidents occurred between 2017 and 2020, when efforts to carve out an independent state in northeastern Spain led to the country's deepest political crisis in decades. SOURCE: 18 April 2022, [Associated Press](#)

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